

AMENDMENTS IN THE CLAIMS

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Please replace Claims of the above-identified application with the following amended claim set (claims 1-22):

CLAIMS

1. **(CURRENTLY AMENDED)** A portable medication holder for holding a medication container and discharging a liquid agent therefrom, the portable medication holder comprising:  
a housing including a first wall forming a chamber or part thereof;  
an air pathway passing through the chamber;  
a second wall engaging the first wall, and moveable between a closed position in which the chamber and air pathway are sealed and an open position in which the air pathway is open;  
evaporation means to assist in evaporation of the liquid agent into air in the air pathway;  
a medication discharge chute for directing the air pathway to a user;  
opening means for opening the medication container and releasing the liquid agent to the evaporation means; and  
one or more one-way valves to provide uni-directional air flow for one or both inspiratory air and expired air.
2. **(ORIGINAL)** The portable medication holder of claim 1 including the medication container located in the chamber or in fluid communication with the chamber.
3. **(ORIGINAL)** The portable medication holder of claim 2, wherein the medication container is a vial, ampoule bottle or canister and is frangible, at least in part.

4. **(ORIGINAL)** The portable medication holder of claim 3, wherein the liquid agent is methoxyflurane.
5. **(ORIGINAL)** The portable medication holder of claim 3, wherein the second wall is formed as a cover or sleeve.
6. **(ORIGINAL)** The portable medication holder of claim 3 wherein the opening means is automatically activated by moving the second wall to the open position.
7. **(ORIGINAL)** The portable medication holder of claim 3, wherein the opening means includes a striker adapted to open the medication container.
8. **(ORIGINAL)** The portable medication holder of claim 7, wherein the striker is activated by sliding the second wall to the open position.
9. **(ORIGINAL)** The portable medication holder of claim 3, wherein the opening means includes a punch to open a frangible seal in the container.
10. **(ORIGINAL)** The portable medication holder of claim 3, wherein the opening means includes a seat to grip a cap, which may be a screw cap, of the container.
11. **(ORIGINAL)** The portable medication holder of claim 2, wherein the opening means includes a plunger to pressurize and discharge the liquid agent.
12. **(ORIGINAL)** The portable medication holder of claim 2, wherein the evaporation means comprises a wick material.
13. **(ORIGINAL)** The portable medication holder of claim 2, wherein the evaporation means comprises an evaporation plate or plates or a grid.

14. (ORIGINAL) The portable medication holder of claim 2, wherein the evaporation means forms a serpentine or tortuous path as part of the air pathway.

15. (ORIGINAL) The portable medication holder of claim 1, wherein the medication chute is rotatable between a stowed position and a deployed position.

16. (ORIGINAL) The portable medication holder of claim 1, wherein the medication chute further includes a gas line for delivering a respiratory gas.

17. (ORIGINAL) The portable medication holder of claim 1, wherein the medication chute includes an auxiliary air inlet adapted for occlusion by a digit of a user.

18. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The portable medication holder of claim 1, ~~further including one or more wherein the one or more one-way valves are~~ in the intake air pathway to provide unidirectional inspiratory airflow of inspiratory air.

19. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The portable medication holder of claim 18, wherein the ~~medication chute is in fluid connection with an outlet one-way valve for expired air one or more one-way valves include an outlet one-way valve for expired air and in fluid communication with the medication chute.~~

20. (ORIGINAL) The portable medication holder of claim 19, wherein the medication chute is in fluid connection with a filter for removing medication from expired air.

21. (ORIGINAL) The portable medication holder of claim 2, wherein the portable medication holder is sealed against the external environment when not in use.

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22. **(ORIGINAL)** The portable medication holder of claim 6 including a strap, preferably a wrist strap, attached to the second wall.